



The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton



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Sunday 25 October Bible Sunday

CW Lectionary Col. 3. 12 – 17; Matt. 24. 30 – 35

9:30am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Gillingham Hymns: 793, 389, 775, 378 (choir), 810

Prayers for healing are usually available after the 9:30am service in the side chapel at St Mary's

11:00am BCP Mattins

St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am **Patronal Festival Celebration** St Simon & St Jude Church, Milton on Stour

For St Simon & St Jude, CW Lectionary Eph. 2. 19 – end; John 15. 17 – end

3:00pm Messy Church

Vicarage School Room

Join us at Messy Church for fun crafts & activities on the theme of the Saints and living in the light.

Picky tea and refreshments provided! All welcome (but please bring an adult).



Thought for the Day by Revd Allen

The Book of Kells is a masterpiece of calligraphy and medieval art produced by Celtic monks around 800ad. It is one of the most lavishly illuminated manuscripts to survive from the Middle Ages. Its very existence suggests that scripture was believed capable of conveying truth and hope, to both present and future generations. This has resonance for us on Bible Sunday. Ezra reads the Law aloud to people who are rebuilding their lives after exile and loss. Paul encourages the Colossians to **'let the word of Christ dwell in you richly'**. And in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks of upheaval and uncertainty before saying, **'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'** The Bible sustains us in both times of calm and turbulence, through which generations have heard and read about God's enduring faithfulness. May that faithfulness continue to sustain each of us in our journey through life.

For St Simon & St Jude Church, Milton on Stour – The Collect, Post Communion Prayer, Reading and Gospel are all printed in the Patronal Festival order of service booklets.

Collect for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Bible Sunday

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

For your thoughts and prayers

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Diane Whitford, Sandra Haward, David Clegg, Gillian Harding, Glynis Crocker, Sue & Marie Andrew, Sarah Snook and Mary Andrews.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Raymond Holmes and Joyce Norman, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

READING Colossians 3. 12 – 17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL Matthew 24. 30 – 35

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Sunday 25 October

3:00pm Organ Recital given by Chris Mahon at St James' Church, Shaftesbury

Admission Free. Retiring collection in aid of Clock Restoration.

Tuesday 27 October

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Wednesday 28 October

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10.30am Said Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Also today at Eden, from 2 – 4, come and join in with the drop-in stitching session. Bring whatever you're working on.

Thursday 29 October

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Music For You' with Tina Jay at St Martin's House



Friday 30 October

9.30am – 10:00am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Saturday 31 October

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

Sunday 1 November ALL SAINTS' DAY

CW Lectionary 1 John 3. 1 – 3; Matt. 5. 1 – 12

8:00am Said Trad Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

9:30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham

11:00am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude Church, Milton on Stour

On All Souls' Day, Monday 2 November, there will be said service (at St Mary's Church) at 7pm to which all are invited. During the service the names of the departed are read out, if you would like to add a name to the list to be read out, please write it clearly on the forms in church (blue noticeboard next to the cubby holes or by the prayer tree).

Tuesday 3 November – Service of Thanksgiving for Anne Clarke

11:30am at St Mary's Church, Gillingham with refreshments in the Vicarage School Room afterwards.

Wednesday 4 November (at Eden Café) – Jo's Crafts

Lots of ideas for Christmas, including Advent calendars, decorations and presents.

Gillingham Community Cinema – November Showings (7:00pm in the Vicarage School Room)

Thursday 12 November – Film: The Christophers (15). Tickets £6.

Thursday 26 November – Opera: Bizet's Carmen (8+) Tickets £14.

Reserve tickets from 07817 379006. Payment by cash or card on the evening.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Please take your shoebox to the Parish Office by **Friday 20 November (not the date given in the leaflet)**. If you have any problems getting there, please let me know. Margaret Porter 822193

Speak Out and Speak Up – Would you like to be more confident in reading the Bible or leading prayers in church? Do you find it difficult to project your voice? Having trained in voice projection, drama and opera I may be able to help. If you are interested in a group or individual sessions please contact me. I would love to help. Anne Marsh Telephone 01747 833734 or email a.l.marsh@hotmail.co.uk